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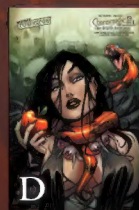
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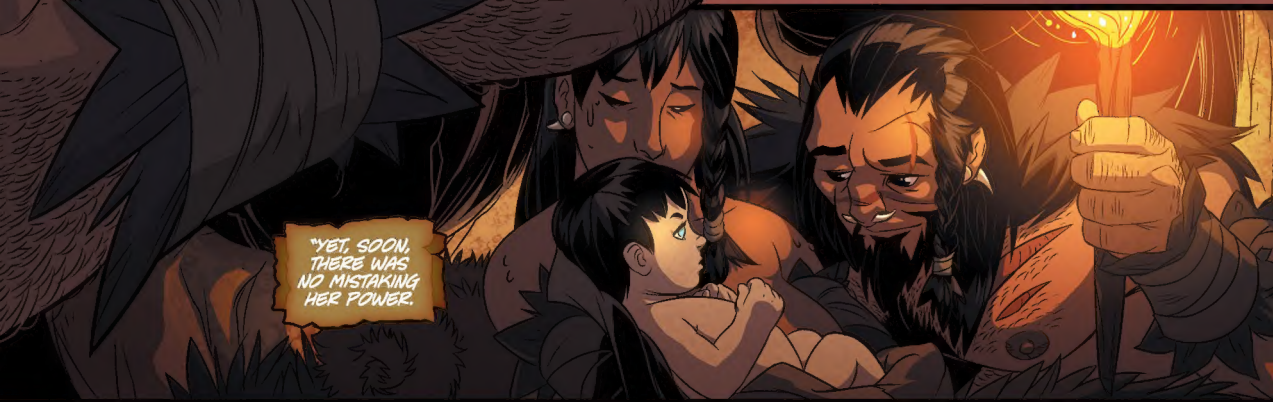
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"THE DAY SHE
FIRST DREW BREATH,
CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW
IT WAS NEVER TO BE
THE SAME."

"THEY NAMED
HER ORLANA."

"HER KIN BY BLOOD
KNEW NOT WHAT SHE
WAS--OR WHAT SHE
WAS CAPABLE OF."



"YET, SOON,
THERE WAS
NO MISTAKING
HER POWER."



"HER MAGIC
WAS UNLIKE ANY
BEFORE IT. WITH
A BARE THOUGHT,
HER CONTROL
OVER THEIR MINDS
WAS INFINITE."



"FOR WITH SUCH ABILITY OF
MIND, THERE COULD BE NO
FATE BESIDES POWER."



"AND FEAR."



"FEAR PROVE
HER SUBSTANTIAL
RISE. FEAR IT."



"THERE WERE
THOSE WHO
ATTEMPTED
TO RESIST."



"TO FIGHT THEIR INNER
CONSCIENCE GUIDING
THEM ASTRAY. YET, IT WAS
A FRUITLESS BATTLE."



"YES. THOSE WHO
FOUGHT CERTAINLY MET
A VILE OUTCOME..."



"...YET, TO
LIVE MEANT FAR
WORSE."

"HER KINSMEN--
HER PEOPLE, BECAME
SLAVES TO HER WHIM, AND
UNDER HER HOLD OVER THEIR
ACTIONS, THEY BUILT HER
A KINGDOM."

"FORGET ARMOR,
OR CAVALRY, OR LEGIONS
OF SOLDIERS. THERE WAS
NOTHING TO CHALLENGE
HER REIGN..."

"...EXCEPT ONE.

STORM
THE KEEP, FIND
ORLANA!!!

"I WAS MORE FOOLISH, THEN. MY
OWN MAGIC BRIMMING WITH CHARGE. MY
CLOSEST ALLY, SERGE, WAS BY MY SIDE.
WITH HIS PEOPLE AND MINE, WE THOUGHT
WE COULD CONQUER ANY FOE.

"I COULD TELL YOU
MY PURPOSE WAS TO FREE
THOSE LOCKED UNDER HER
MENTAL SPELL, BUT THAT
WOULD BE A LIE. BACK
THEN, I SOUGHT HER
KINGDOM FOR MY OWN
PETTY AMBITION.

"OUR YOUTH WAS OUR
CURSE. WE WERE UNABLE
TO FORESEE THE SCOPE OF
HER POWER-- OF WHAT
SHE WAS CAPABLE OF..."



...AT ANY
COST!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

COME, SERKE!
WE HAVE LOST. WE
WILL RETURN TO
FIGHT AGAIN.

I-- UNGHH--
CANNOT LEAVE
MY KINSMEN BEHIND!
DO NOT ABANDON
US!



I AM... SORRY.
I WILL RETURN
WITH HELP... THIS
I PROMISE.

KON!
WAIT--!



GRAAAAH!

KRAAK



DO
NOT LEAVE
US!!!



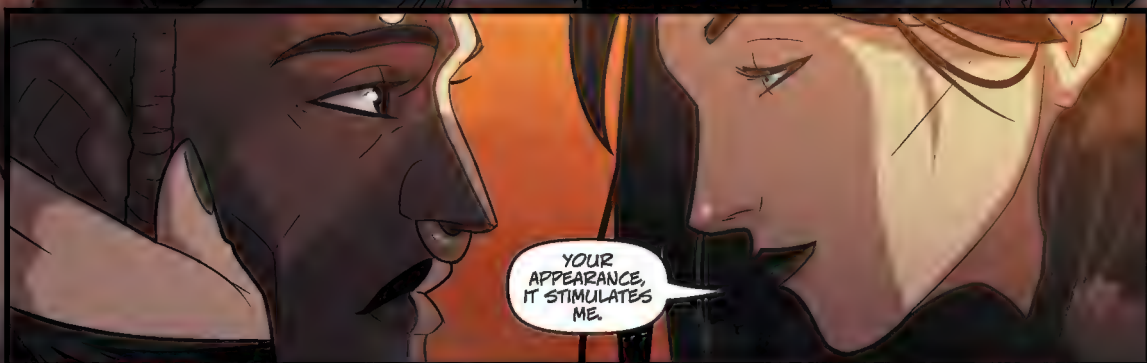
YOU SHOULD
NOT PLACE
YOUR FAITH IN
OTHERS--



--THEY
WILL ONLY
FAIL YOU.



ORLANA...



YOUR
APPEARANCE,
IT STIMULATES
ME.



"I HAD ABANDONED MY ALLY AND ONLY FRIEND. I SPENT AN ETERNITY IN DEEP THOUGHT, CONTEMPLATING THE DECISION I HAD CHOSEN TO MAKE IN COWARDICE."

"YET, I KNEW WHICH PATH WOULD ULTIMATELY DEFINE MY FATE. I HAD CONTAINED MYSELF WITHIN A VAST REALM OF BARREN EXPANSION—"



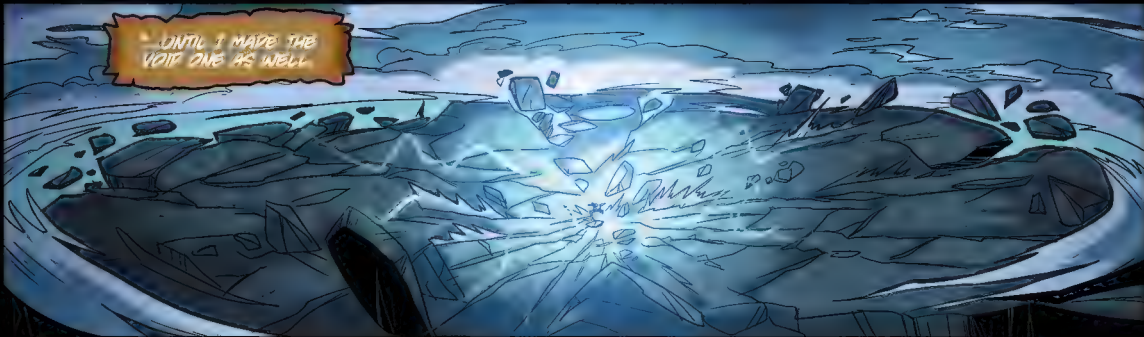
"A VOICE"

"ORLANA WOULD DESTROY OUR REALM EVENTUALLY. IT WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE OUTCOME I COULD SEE."



"HOWEVER, OUR REALM WAS MERELY A REALITY OF OUR SHARpest EXISTENCE."

"UNTIL I MADE THE VOICE ONE AS WELL."



"IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT CREATION IS THE WORK OF THE GODS. I DO NOT SPEAK FOR HOW OMNIPOTENCE WOULD FEEL. YET I KNEW THE BOUNDARIES OF MY MAGIC COULD PARALLEL SUCH FEATS. BEFORE LONG."





LIFE TOOK
CARE OF THE
REST

THE VOID REALM WAS
COMPLETE. LIFE COULD
SUSTAIN ITSELF FOR
ETERNITY

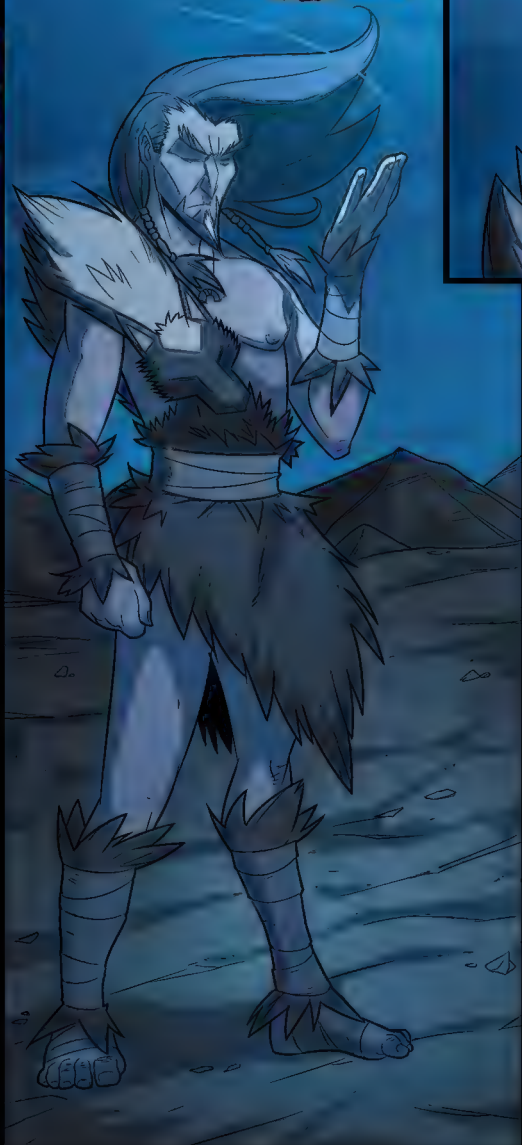
"I WAS
READY TO
RETURN AND
AMEND THE
ERRORS OF
MY PAST



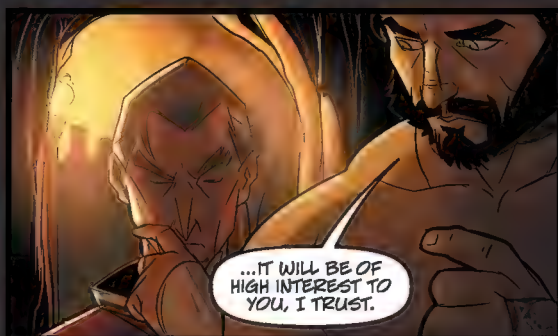
"I HAD HOPED
THAT MY FRIEND
SERKE WOULD
SOMEHOW HAVE
SURVIVED



AND UPON
MY RETURN



"I SOUGHT TO
FINISH HER ONCE
AND FOR ALL





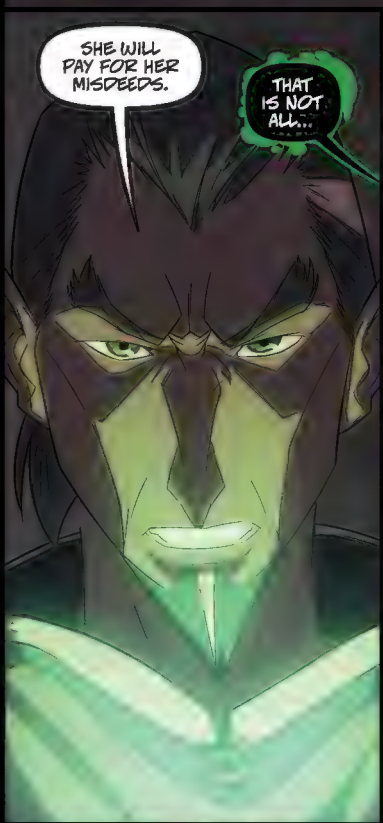
I FIRST SAW IT SEVERAL CYCLES AGO. MY VISIONS ALL LEADING TO THE SAME COORDINATES-- WHICH IS NEVER A GOOD SIGN.

IT IS AN ARMY, FAR GREATER IN SCALE THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN.

THE SHEER CONCENTRATION OF MY VISIONS OF THIS NEARLY CAUSED ME TO COLLAPSE IN MIND AND BODY...

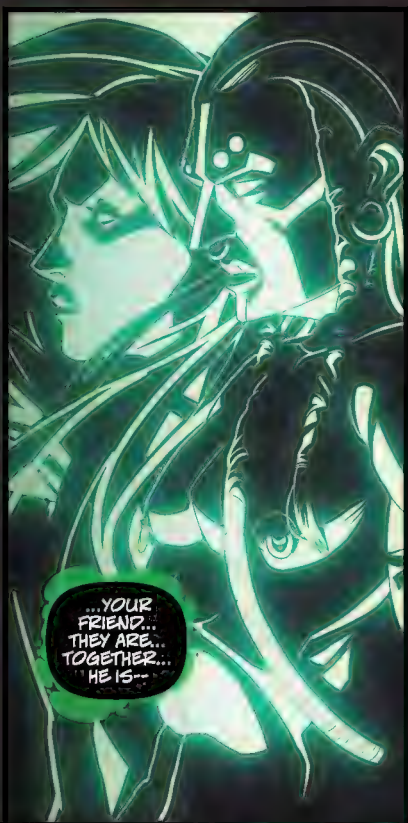


...THEY ALL END WITH HER.



SHE WILL PAY FOR HER MISDEEDS.

THAT IS NOT ALL...



...YOUR FRIEND... THEY ARE... TOGETHER... HE IS...



---CORRUPTED. SHE HAS TAINTED HIS SOUL. PLEASE, DERO, YOU MUST JOIN US. WE MUST RESCUE SERKE.

I WOULD FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE, KON, YOU KNOW THAT. YET, TELL ME--

THE BLACK FOREST.

...WHO IS
THE "WE" YOU
SPEAK OFF?

KEEP YOUR
EYES OPEN, THIS
IS NOT THE LAND
I REMEMBER.

HOW
COULD YOU
FORGET SUCH
A DREADFUL
PLACE?

THE VERY
FOREST STALKS OUR
PRESENCE.

THE TREES--

--ARE NOT
WHAT SHOULD
CONCERN
YOU!

GAAAGGG!!!

ESHERA!
RELEASE
HIM!

GAKI!

YOU TRESPASS
UPON MY LAND--
AND PROCEED TO
LAY ORDERS?

THAT
IS NOT OUR
INTENTION!



WE COME
FOR YOUR
AID!

AID? WHERE
WERE YOU WHEN
WE NEEDED SUCH
A LUXURY?

THUNK

AHHHH!

THIS MAN! HE
IS A DRUID, IS HE
NOT? LET HIM SHOW
YOU WHAT HAS COME
OF US SINCE YOU
DEPARTED US.

SHOW THE WIZARD
WHAT FELL UPON OUR
PEOPLE! HOW ORLANA'S
CURSE HAS TAINTED OUR
LAND! SHOW HIM
EVERYTHING!

IT SEARS THE
FABRIC OF MY
MIND! PLEASE--
NO MORE!

QUIT YOUR
BEGGING.

THERE IS
NO HOPE FOR
US ALL.

MY FRIEND,
YOUR TRAGEDY
WILL NEVER LOSE ITS
MEANING, YET THERE
IS REASON TO HOLD
FAITH ONCE MORE.

WE SEEK TO PUT
AN END TO THE CURSE
THAT HAS STRIPPED
YOU OF MEANING...

...WE SEEK
TO PUT AN END
TO HER.

ANDLIN, THE SKY VILLAGE.

ARE YOU SURE WE
ARE HIGH ENOUGH? I
DO NOT SEE ANYTHING
AT SUCH HEIGHT.

HE IS HERE, I
SEE ALL, REMEMBER.
AND, YOUR SARCASM
MASKS YOUR
FEAR.

NOT LIKELY.
SO NOW YOU ARE
A MIND READER
AS WELL?

KON, I GROW
TIRED OF THIS
ONE. HE KNOWS
TOO MUCH.

YOUR HUMOR
ALSO SERVES
THE TASK.

QUIET, YOU
TWO.

DERO, YOU ARE
CERTAIN THIS IS THE
PLACE? I DO NOT
SEE ANYONE.

NEVER DOUBT
THE MAN WHO CAN SEE
EVERYTHING.

WHAT I
DOUBT--

--IS NOT YOUR
LOCATION, BUT
YOUR INTENTION--
STRANGERS.

HUH?

SNAPT

NOT THIS
AGAIN.

YOU ARE NOT
WELCOME HERE.
UNWANTED GUESTS
ARE PUT TO
DEATH.



WHAT IF WE
POSTPONE DEATH
FOR ANOTHER TIME?
WHAT WOULD YOU
SAY THEN?

WELL,
THEN...



...I WOULD
SAY...

IT HAS
BEEN FAR TOO
LONG.



AAAAHH! DERO
YOU OLD FOOL, WHY
DID YOU NOT WARN ME
OF YOUR ARRIVAL? OR
OF YOUR COMPANY?

THIS IS NOT A VISIT OF
PLEASURE, KENTARI, TRUST
ME. UNFORTUNATELY, WE
COME FOR MORE GRAVE
CIRCUMSTANCE.



I OWE MY LIFE
TO YOUR VISIONS,
OLD FRIEND. THERE
IS NO FAVOR TOO
GREAT TO ASK.



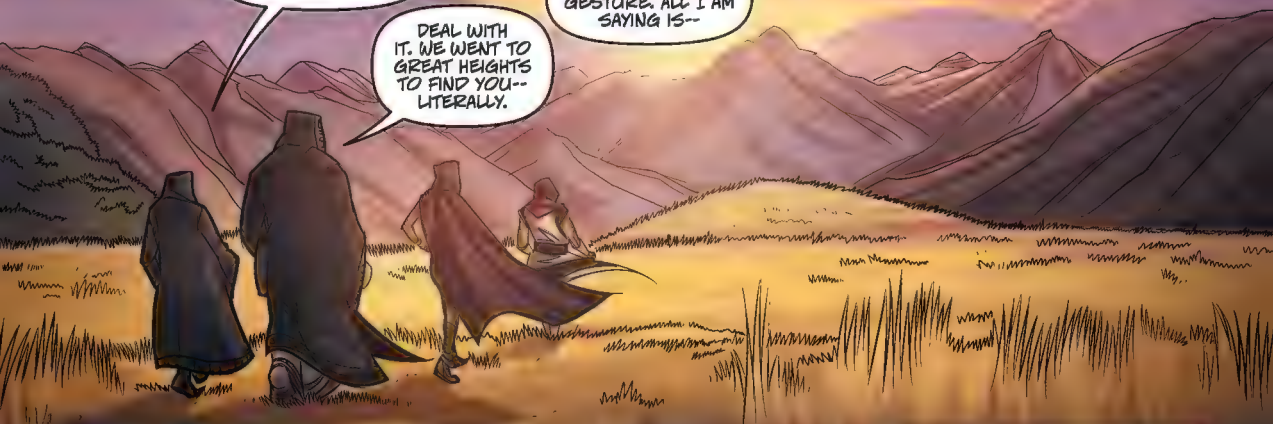
OH, BE CAREFUL
ABOUT SUCH AN OFFER UNTIL
YOU HEAR THEIR WORDS,
REST ASSURED.

THE PLAINS
OF RANDARA.

I'M NOT FOND OF
BEING THIS LOW TO
OCEAN LEVEL.

AND I
APPRECIATE SAID
GESTURE. ALL I AM
SAYING IS--

DEAL WITH
IT. WE WENT TO
GREAT HEIGHTS
TO FIND YOU--
LITERALLY.



--WAIT, DO
YOU SMELL
THAT?

SMELL
WHAT?

IT
IS HORSE
HAIR.



WAIT. HE
IS HERE.

I'LL SPEAK
TO HIM. YOU THREE,
STAY BEHIND ME.



HIM?

I HATE
SURPRISES.

WAIT AND
SEE.



HOLD
STEADY, DON'T
RUN.

EASIER
SAID THAN DONE,
WIZARD.



KON!!!





I KNEW YOU WOULD RETURN. I COULD SMELL YOU EVEN AT A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY.

HE SHOULD TALK.

DON'T RILE IT.

RO! IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE.



THESE LITTLE ONES, THEY ARE YOUR COMPANIONS?

YOU COULD SAY THAT.



THEN I WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS.

DOES HE NOT MEAN HOOVES?



MY FRIEND, I COME TO YOU IN OUR TIME OF NEED--

--SAVE IT, KON.



A DRUID, A SORCERESS, A WIZARD AND WHATEVER YOU ARE IN THE CLOAK? CLEARLY YOU ARE LOOKING FOR DANGER.

YES, HOWEVER--

--COUNT ME IN.

LATER...

WE ARE
ASKING FOR
TROUBLE!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
ESHERA.

DO NOT
CONDESCEND TO
ME. A BEING SUCH
AS THIS CANNOT BE
CONTROLLED.

NOT EVERYTHING IS
ABOUT CONTROL, OR
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN
THE VERY REASON WE
FIND OURSELVES ON
THIS QUEST?!

SILENCE... I
HEAR SOMETHING
UP AHEAD. THIS
WAY.

KON, PLEASE...
THERE HAS TO BE
ANOTHER WAY.

IF THERE
WERE, I WOULD
HAVE SOUGHT IT
OUT. WE NEED
HIM.



YOU THERE, DO
NOT BE ALARMED.
WE COME SEEKING
YOUR AID...

SAMSUN, IS IT?
WE NEED YOUR
HELP.



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THE SHADOW OF THE DEATH PRINCESS HAS BLANKETED ALL OF THE LAND IN DARKNESS. THE WIZARD KON, ALONG WITH HIS ALLY SERKE, ATTEMPTED TO DEFEAT ORLANA'S ARMY OF MIND-CONTROLLED HUMANS AND CREATURES OF PREY, YET THE VICTIM TO THE MIGHT OF HER POWER. FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR ATTACK IN HASTE, KON SOUGHT REFUGE IN A VOID OF HIS OWN CREATION WITHIN THE FABRIC OF A PARALLEL REALM, WHILE ABANDONING HIS FRIEND SERKE IN THE CLUTCHES OF ORLANA. AFTER MANY CYCLES, KON CRAFTED THE VOID INTO A BARRIN EXPANSE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING LIFE—WITH THE INTENT TO RETURN AND EXILE ORLANA TO ITS LANDSCAPE FOR ALL OF ETERNITY. RETURNING TO FINISH WHAT HE STARTED, THE WIZARD HAS ASSEMBLED A COLLECTION OF POWERFUL MAGICAL BEINGS TO AID HIM IN HIS MISSION. HOWEVER, NOW, THE GROUP MUST DECIDE IF THE ONE KNOWN AS SAMSON IS TO BE TRUSTED AS A MEMBER OF THEIR ALLIANCE—FOR HIS MAGIC COULD END THEIR QUEST BEFORE IT BEGINS...



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YOUR FRIEND
THE WIZARD
RETURNS?

HE WILL SEEK TO
STRENGTHEN HIS CAUSE
BEFORE STRIKING-- BUT
HE WILL ARRIVE-- AND NOT
ALONE. I SENSE HIS AURA
NO MORE THAN A DAY'S
TRAVEL FROM US,
AT BEST.

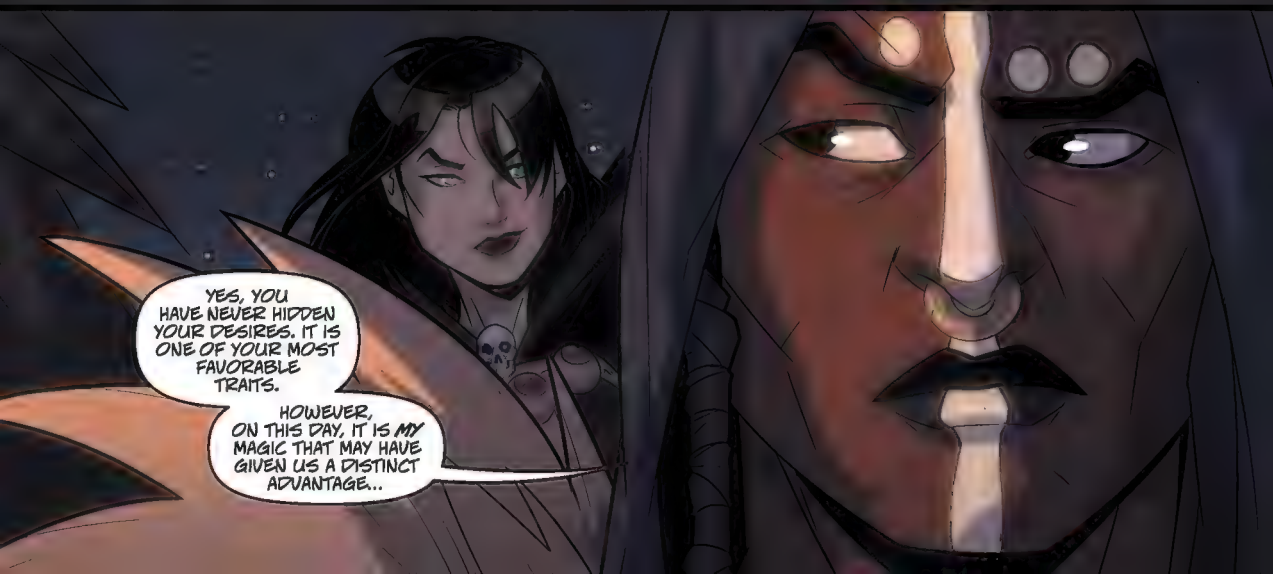
WE NEED TO
BOLSTER OUR
RANKS.



AND HOW ARE
YOU SO CERTAIN,
MY DARLING?

DO NOT
FORGET, MY LOVE--
MY MAGIC IS NOT WEAK--
IT ONLY APPEARS AS SUCH
IN YOUR LOVING SHADOW.
I HAVE MY WAYS,
AS WELL.

DO YOU
KNOW HOW MUCH
I HATE IT THAT YOU
HAVE A MIND OF
YOUR OWN?



YES, YOU
HAVE NEVER HIDDEN
YOUR DESIRES. IT IS
ONE OF YOUR MOST
FAVORABLE
TRAITS.

HOWEVER,
ON THIS DAY, IT IS MY
MAGIC THAT MAY HAVE
GIVEN US A DISTINCT
ADVANTAGE...



...I WILL
PREPARE OUR
PEOPLE FOR
WAR.



THIS IS
FOOLISH!

TO ALLOW A MAGICAL
BEING SUCH AS THIS WITHIN
OUR RANKS WOULD ONLY SERVE
TO WEAKEN US! DO YOU UNDERSTAND
THE DAMAGE HE COULD CAUSE? HE
CAN ABSORB-- STEAL-- ANY OF
OUR MAGIC AT ANY GIVEN
MOMENT!



RO-- CONTROL
YOURSELF!

WHO TOLD
YOU I WOULD ACCEPT
SUCH AN INVITATION,
WILD BEAST?

YOU-- YOUR NAME
IS SAMSUN, IS IT NOT? YOUR
KINSMEN HAVE TOLD US MUCH
OF YOUR PRESENCE UPON
THEIR LAND.



FEAR! IS
THAT WHAT THEY HAVE
TOLD YOU? THEY FEAR
MY MAGIC-- AND SEEK TO
BANISH ME! HAVE YOU
COME TO FURTHER
EXILE ME AS WELL?!

SUCH
IS NOT OUR
PURPOSE. OUR AIM IS
QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
WE ARRIVE SEEKING
YOUR AID.



COME--
ALLOW US
TO SPEAK IN
PRIVATE.

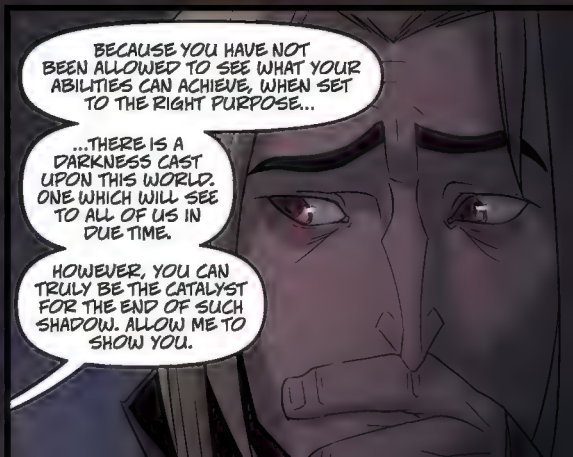
AND YOU
WILL SEE OUR
INTENTION IS NOT
MALICIOUS BUT
JUST... PLEASE.



I KNOW
OF YOUR MAGIC,
SAMSUN. YET I AM NOT
AFRAID OF YOUR PRESENCE.
REST ASSURED, WE ARE
ALL POWERFUL IN
OUR OWN WAYS.

MY ALLIES--
WHILE THEY MIGHT
SEEM RASH IN THEIR TONE--
FORM A COLLECTIVE OF
MAGICAL BRILLIANCE.

YOU WOULD
CALL WHAT I HAVE
BRILLIANCE? I CALL
IT A CURSE.

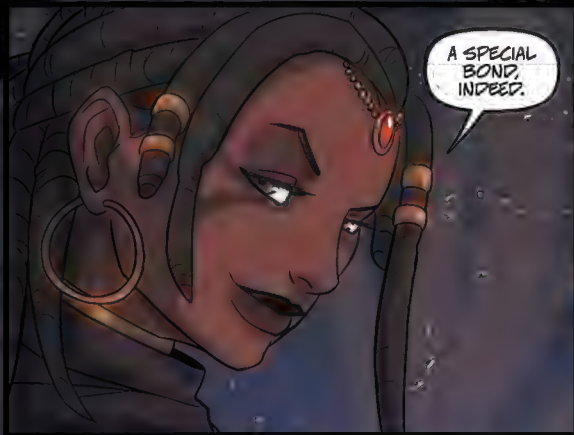


BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT
BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE WHAT YOUR
ABILITIES CAN ACHIEVE, WHEN SET
TO THE RIGHT PURPOSE...

...THERE IS A
DARKNESS CAST
UPON THIS WORLD.
ONE WHICH WILL SEE
TO ALL OF US IN
DUE TIME.

HOWEVER, YOU CAN
TRULY BE THE CATALYST
FOR THE END OF SUCH
SHADOW. ALLOW ME TO
SHOW YOU.





A SPECIAL
BOND.
INDEED.

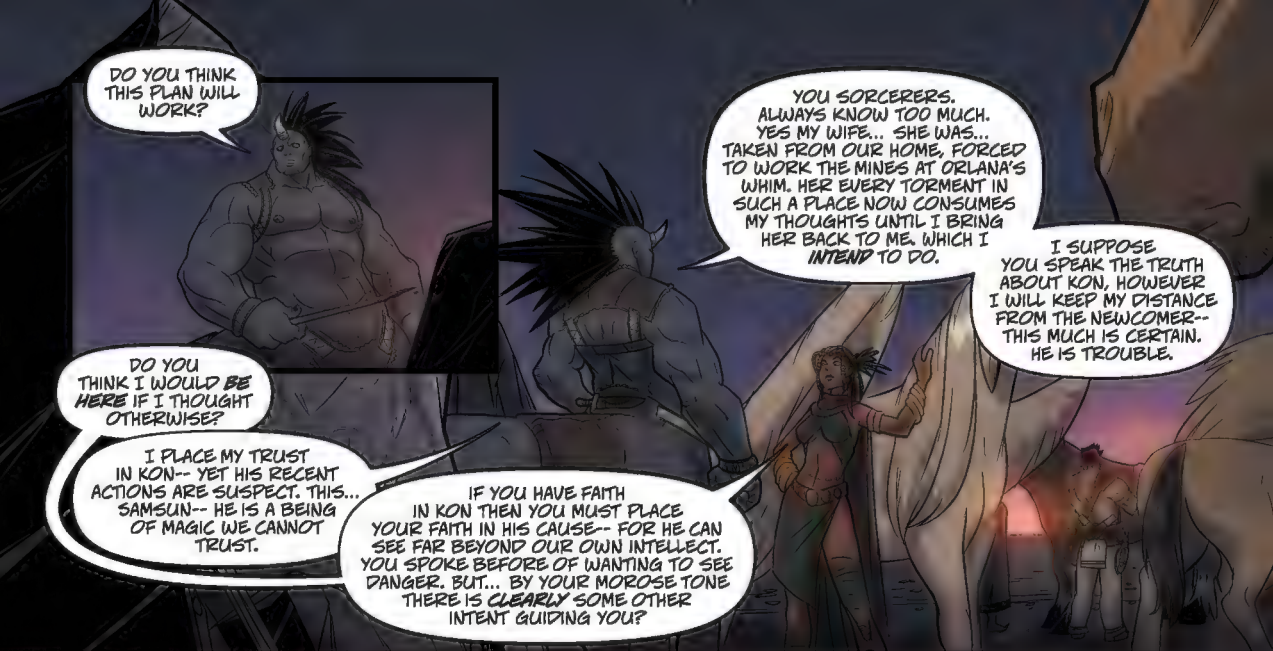
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WEAK--
THEY ARE ALL
WEAK!





DO YOU THINK THIS PLAN WILL WORK?

YOU SORCERERS. ALWAYS KNOW TOO MUCH. YES MY WIFE... SHE WAS... TAKEN FROM OUR HOME, FORCED TO WORK THE MINES AT ORLANA'S WHIM. HER EVERY TORMENT IN SUCH A PLACE NOW CONSUMES MY THOUGHTS UNTIL I BRING HER BACK TO ME, WHICH I INTEND TO DO.

I SUPPOSE YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT KON, HOWEVER I WILL KEEP MY DISTANCE FROM THE NEWCOMER-- THIS MUCH IS CERTAIN. HE IS TROUBLE.

DO YOU THINK I WOULD BE HERE IF I THOUGHT OTHERWISE?

I PLACE MY TRUST IN KON-- YET HIS RECENT ACTIONS ARE SUSPECT. THIS... SAMSUN-- HE IS A BEING OF MAGIC WE CANNOT TRUST.

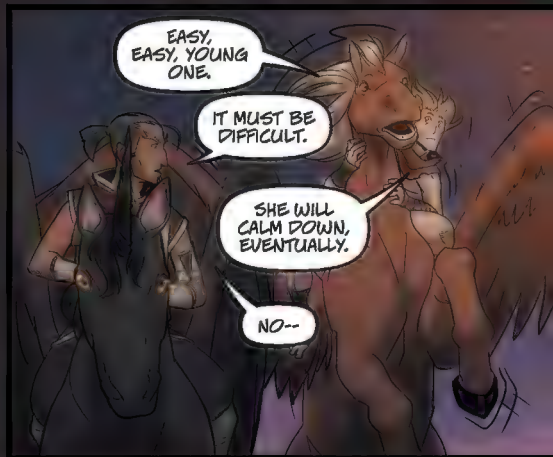
IF YOU HAVE FAITH IN KON THEN YOU MUST PLACE YOUR FAITH IN HIS CAUSE-- FOR HE CAN SEE FAR BEYOND OUR OWN INTELLECT. YOU SPOKE BEFORE OF WANTING TO SEE DANGER. BUT... BY YOUR MOROSE TONE THERE IS CLEARLY SOME OTHER INTENT GUIDING YOU?



MAGNIFICENT CREATURE.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, EHP?

FUNNY.



EASY, EASY, YOUNG ONE.

IT MUST BE DIFFICULT.

SHE WILL CALM DOWN, EVENTUALLY.

NO--



--IT MUST BE DIFFICULT TO ALWAYS BE MET WITH FEAR.

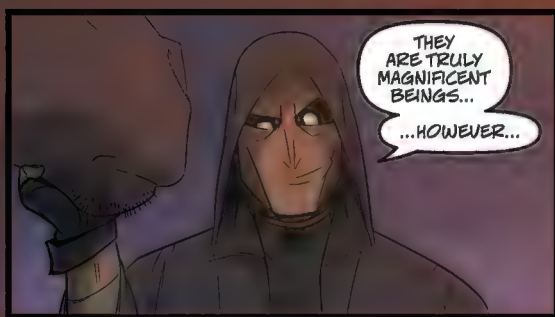


I HAVE GROWN USED TO IT. BEINGS OF MAGIC FEAR WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. IT IS COMMON PRACTICE. I DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PRETEND MY CURSE IS NOT A DANGER TO THEM. OR THAT THEIR MAGIC IS NOT VULNERABLE TO MINE.



DO NOT BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF, SAMSUN. IT COULD BE WORSE-- YOU COULD BE KENTARI AND FORCED TO HIDE YOUR FACE WITHIN A HOOD.

NOT FUNNY.





YOU WILL *NOT*
GIVE UP GROUND,
SOLDIERS! DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

RAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!

WE WILL SHOW
THESE INVADERS THE
STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS.
YOU ARE HUMAN, YES, BUT YOU
ARE ALSO BONDED BY YOUR
LORD'S MAGIC! WE WILL SHOW
THEM THE POWER OF
SUCH UNITY!

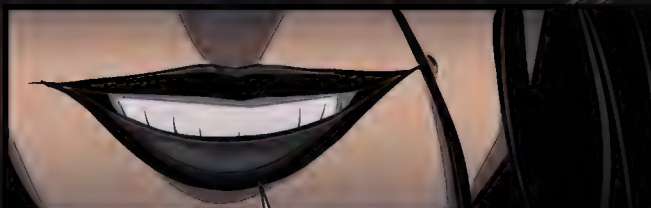
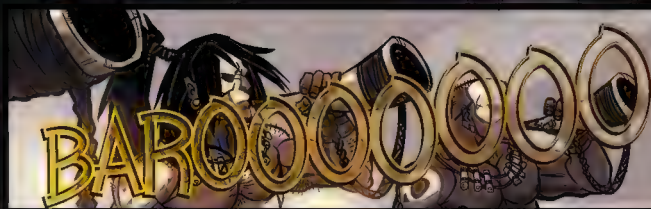
RAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!

THEY ARE
READY.

SO BE
IT.

LET IT
END QUICKLY,
THIS TIME DO NOT LET
KON ESCAPE. I WANT
HIS EYES FOR MY
COLLECTION.

RAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!



AND
SO THE FUN
BEGINS...





DO YOU
HEAR IT? THEY ARE
EXPECTING US.

PREPARE
YOURSELVES!

I WILL CUT HER
HEART OUT WITH MY
BARE HANDS.

EASY, ESHERA.
A CLEAR HEAD
IS NECESSARY
IN BATTLE.

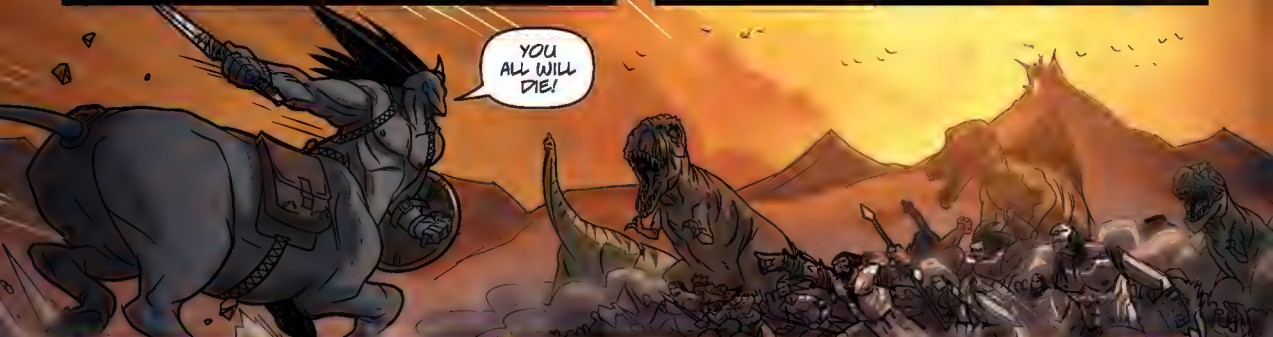
SAMSUN,
YOU STAY OUT
OF SITE UNTIL WE
CALL FOR YOUR
MAGIC.



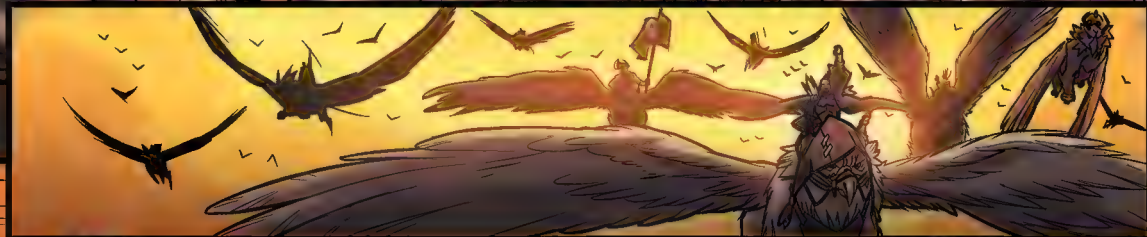
I SEE THEIR
LEGIONS, KON.
YOUR FRIEND
SERKE LEADS
THEM. HE
COMMANDS A
FLOCK HEADED
THIS WAY TO
INTERCEPT
US.



THEY ARE
MERE MOMENTS
FROM US, BE
READY!

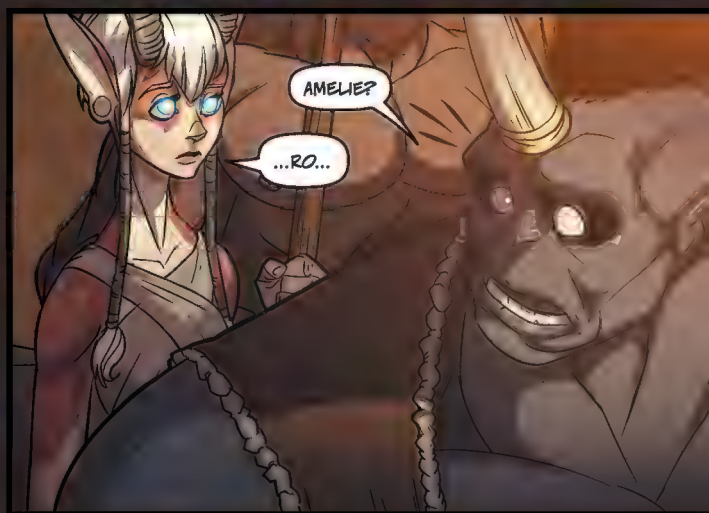


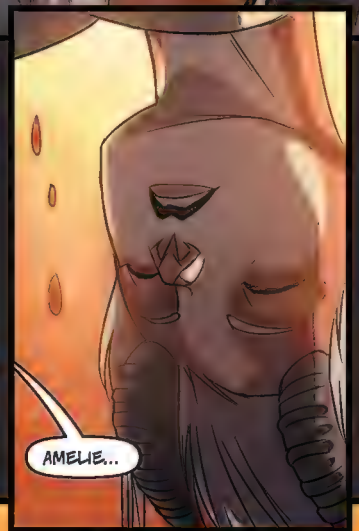
YOU
ALL WILL
DIE!













YOU COULDN'T FORESEE THAT COMING?

I WISH. IT IS NOT THAT SIMPLE, KENTARI.



BUT THAT IS-- WE MUST STOP ESHERA!



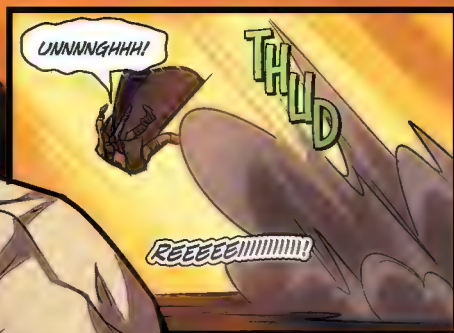
ORLANA!!!
YOUR RECKONING FOR THE BLACK FOREST HAS COME!



A RECKONING, YOU SAY...?



GRAAAAAHHHH!



UNNNNGHHH!

THUD

REEEEEEEEEE!



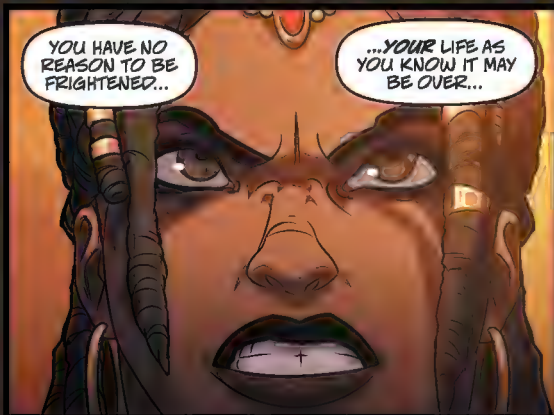
HURRY!

YOUR SOUL IS RICH WITH CONVICTION... YOU ARE QUITE A FIND.

STAY...
UNGH... AWAY FROM ME!

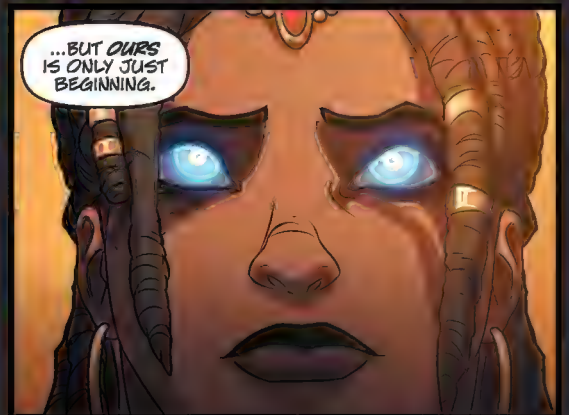


DO NOT FEAR ME. THEY ALL FEAR ME, BUT YOU-- YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND FEAR, THIS IS RARE INDEED.



YOU HAVE NO REASON TO BE FRIGHTENED...

...YOUR LIFE AS YOU KNOW IT MAY BE OVER...



...BUT OURS IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING.

SERKEI ORLANA
RULES OVER YOUR MIND--
YOU MUST RELINQUISH
YOURSELF FROM HER
HOLD OVER YOU!

YOU HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN NAIVE FOR A
WIZARD, KON.

HER MAGIC
DOES NOT WORK
ON ME, I HAVE MADE
THIS CHOICE FREE
OF MIND!

AND FREE
FROM YOU AS
WELL!

I CAME
HERE TO SAVE
YOU...

...BECAUSE I
THOUGHT SHE HAD
A HOLD ON YOU. NOW,
I SEE YOU WERE NEVER AN
ALLY TO BEGIN WITH. YOUR
HEART IS UNREACHABLE.
YOUR SOUL NEEDS
NO CORRUPTION...

RUMBLE

...BUT YOUR
BODY--

--IS A
DIFFERENT
STORY.



I AM
SORRY, SERKE,
ONCE AGAIN I AM
LEFT WITH NO
CHOICE!

THE VOID
WILL HEAL YOUR
DISEASE! OVER TIME
YOU WILL SEE! THIS
IS NOT AN END
FOR YOU--



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

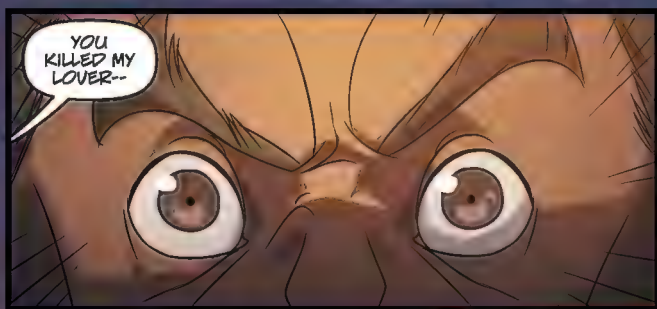
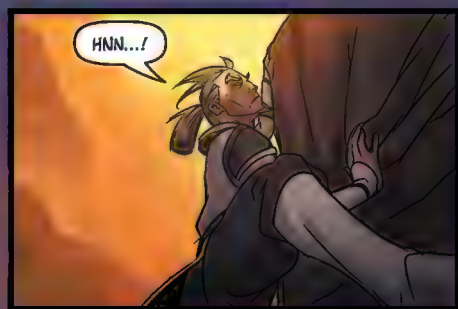


--BUT A
BEGINNING!

STOP!!

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!





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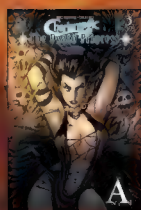
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THE END.

ATTACK, MINIONS.
LET THE WIZARD KNOW
THE PUNISHMENT OF HIS
PERSISTENT ANNOYANCE
TO MY KINGDOM.

FRIENDS--
YOU MUST FIGHT
HER HOLD OVER
YOU!



IT IS OVER,
KON! ACCEPT
YOUR FATE!

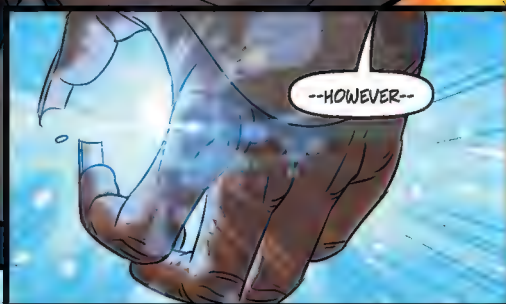
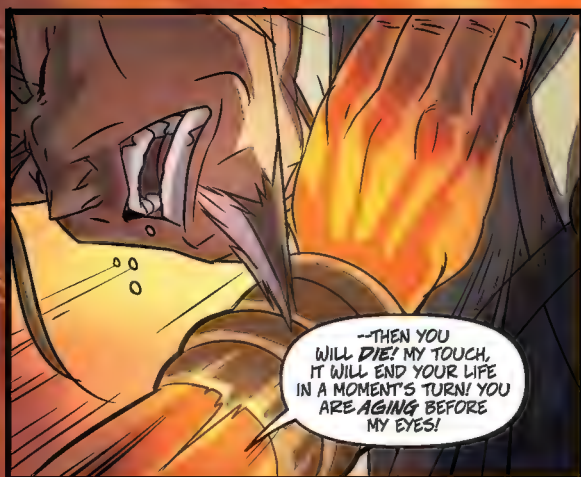
YOU ARE
STRONGER THAN THIS,
ESHARA! FOCUS YOUR MIND
ON YOUR DEEPEST THOUGHTS.
FREE YOURSELF FROM HER
SHALLOW HOLD.

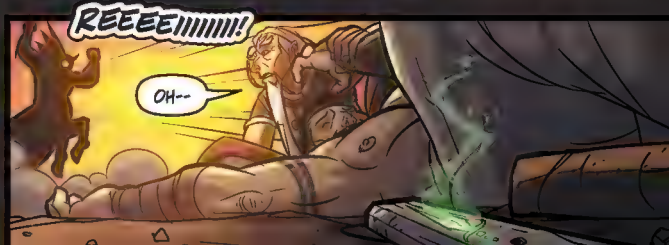
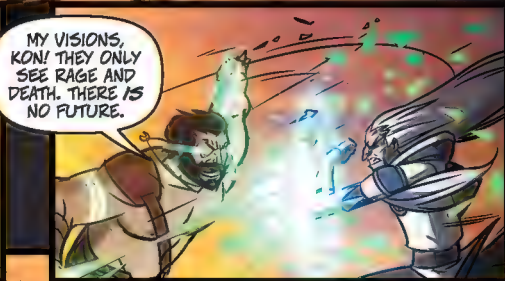


SHALLOW,
HE SAYS.

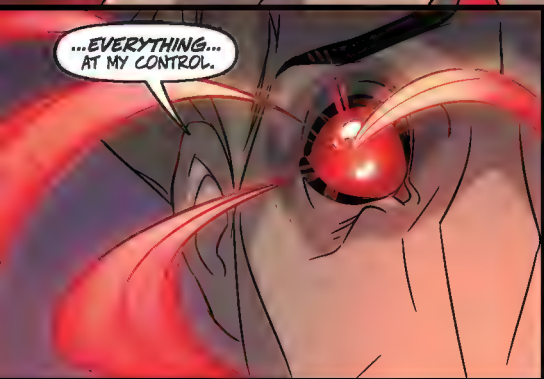


UNGHH! I
WILL NOT FIGHT
YOU--











...WE
MUST STOP
SAMSUN!



YOU CANNOT
CONTAIN SUCH RAW
MAGIC WITHIN YOU. IT
IS TOO MUCH!

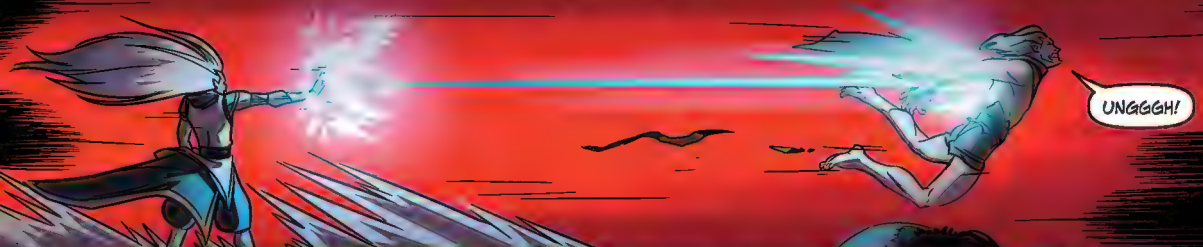
CONTROL... IT IS...
EVERYTHING...



HE IS TOO
FAR GONE,
FOLLOW MY
LEAD.



...IT IS ALL
MINE--



UNGGGH!



SAMSUN,
DO NOT FIGHT
US!

RELEASE
ME!!!



I AM
SORRY, MY
FRIEND... WE
CANNOT.



NOW, WHAT
DO WE DO WITH
HER? SHE MUST PAY
FOR HER CRIMES.
I SUGGEST
DEATH.

RD IS
DEAD. SHE
SHOULD MEET
THE SAME
DESTINY.

I SAY
WE DROP HER
FROM THE HIGHEST
TREE IN MY
VILLAGE.

DEATH
IS **NOT** IN
HER FUTURE,
ESHERA.

WE WILL
LEAVE HER
BE.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WE WILL **NOT** JUST
LEAVE HER--

--YOU ARE
NOT LISTENING
TO WHAT I AM
SAYING.

WE WILL
LEAVE HER
BE...

...BECAUSE
THE PEOPLE
WILL DECIDE
HER FATE.

SOME TIME LATER.

THE
CHOICE IS
SIMPLE TO
ME.

HE IS TOO
DANGEROUS.

I AGREE.
WE MUST END HIS
LIFE FOR HIS OWN
SAKE.

HIS OWN
SAKE?

I DO NOT
SEE HOW THIS
BENEFITS HIM
IN ANY WAY.

TO CONTROL
HIM... HIS LIFE...
IT IS NO DIFFERENT
THAN THE EVIL WE
JUST VANQUISHED.
ONLY VEILED IN
ANOTHER FORM.

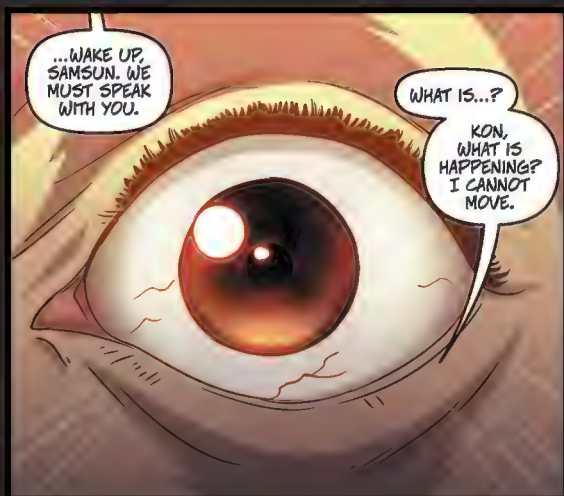
YES, THE FORM
OF GOOD AND
WHAT IS JUST.

A BEING
SUCH AS THIS...
HE WILL ONLY LIVE
TO CAUSE FURTHER
PAIN AND DEATH. WE
SAW THE RESULT WITH
OUR OWN EYES, KON! IF
WE DO NOTHING, WE
ARE SACRIFICING THE
LIVES OF EVERYONE
HE WILL EVENTUALLY
ENCOUNTER.

I PROMISED
HIM A BETTER FATE
THAN THIS. IN EVERY
ACTION I TAKE, I NEVER
CEASE TO LET DOWN
THOSE CLOSEST
TO ME.

KON,
YOU CARRY
GUILT WHEN
IT IS NOT
YOUR--

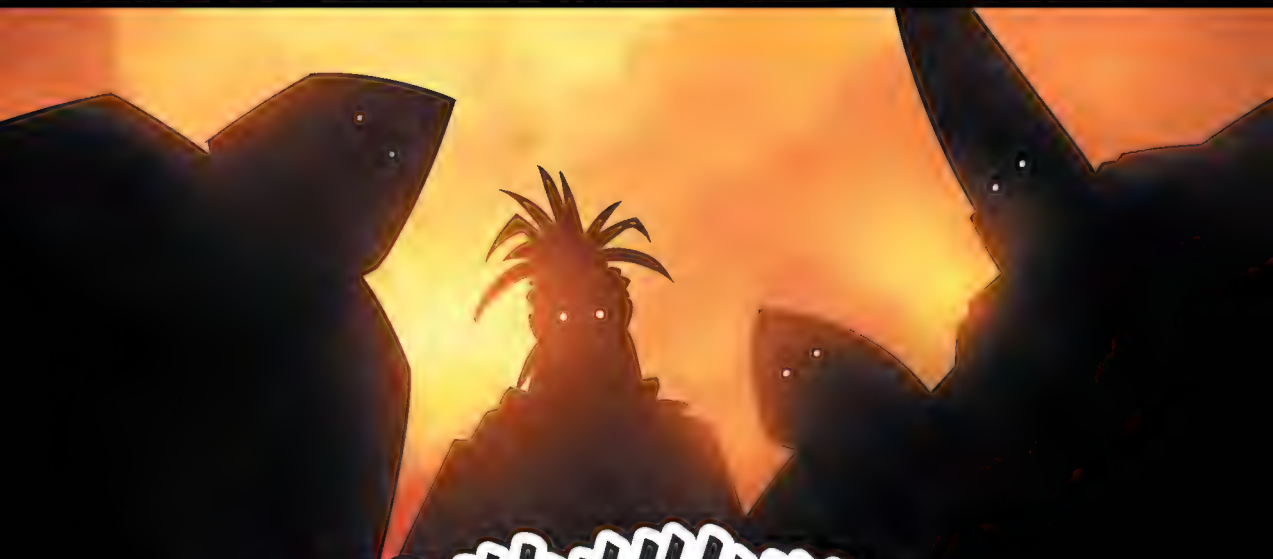
--WAIT... I
KNOW WHAT CAN
BE DONE.



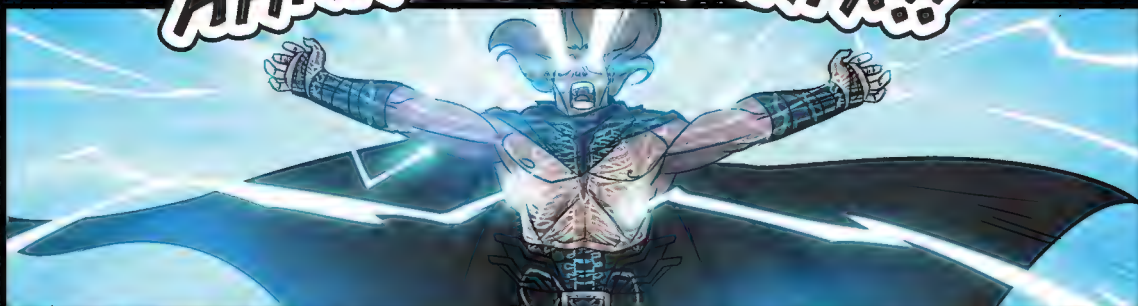


WE DO
THIS FOR
YOU.

AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

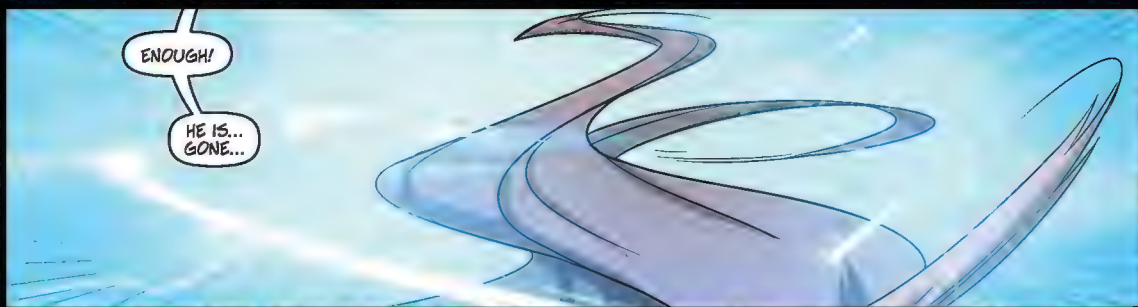


AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!



ENOUGH!

HE IS...
GONE...



...FOREVER.



THIS LAND, IT
BRIMS WITH MAGICAL
DANGERS AROUND EVERY
TURN. WE MUST STAND
TOGETHER. WE MUST USE
OUR COMBINED POWERS
FOR THE BENEFIT
OF ALL.

THIS I HAVE
LEARNED THROUGH
FAILURE AND LOSS. WE
SHALL BE UNITED...
OR RISK DYING
ALONE...

...THERE MUST
BE ORDER.



THE VOID.

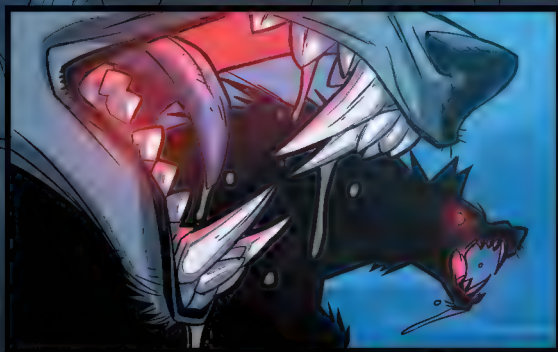
CHOOM

KON...

WHAT... IS
THIS LAND?

GRRRRRRR

GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR



COME
CLOSER, LITTLE
ONES... LET ME SHOW
YOU WHAT I AM
CAPABLE OF.

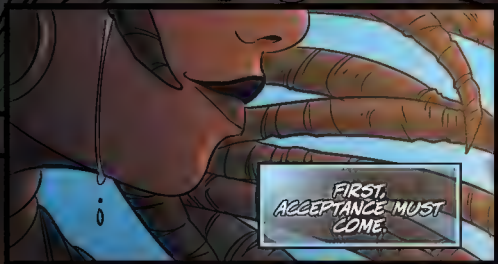




EPILOGUE.

THE TIME
FOR REBUILDING
IS UPON US.

THEY WILL
LOOK TO GROW
UNDER THE LIGHT
LEFT FROM HER
SHADOW.



FIRST,
ACCEPTANCE MUST
COME.



ACCEPTANCE OF
WHAT HAS BECOME
OF THEIR LANDS.

OF WHAT HAS
BECOME OF THEIR
LIVELIHOOD...



...AND WHAT
SACRIFICES HAVE
BEEN MADE.

YES,
MANY LOSSES
INDEED.

I AM STARTING
TO FEEL AS IF WE
ARE THE ONES WHO
ARE LOST, KON.

IT IS A
MINING CAMP. THE
FINAL DESTINATION FOR
THOSE NOT FORTUNATE
ENOUGH TO POSSESS
THE MOST POWERFUL
OF QUALITIES--

--FREEDOM.

THIS PLACE
GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
THE ONLY THING WORSE
THAN A SLAVE IS THEIR
SINISTER MASTERS.

THEIR
HORRORS
INVADE MY
VISIONS.

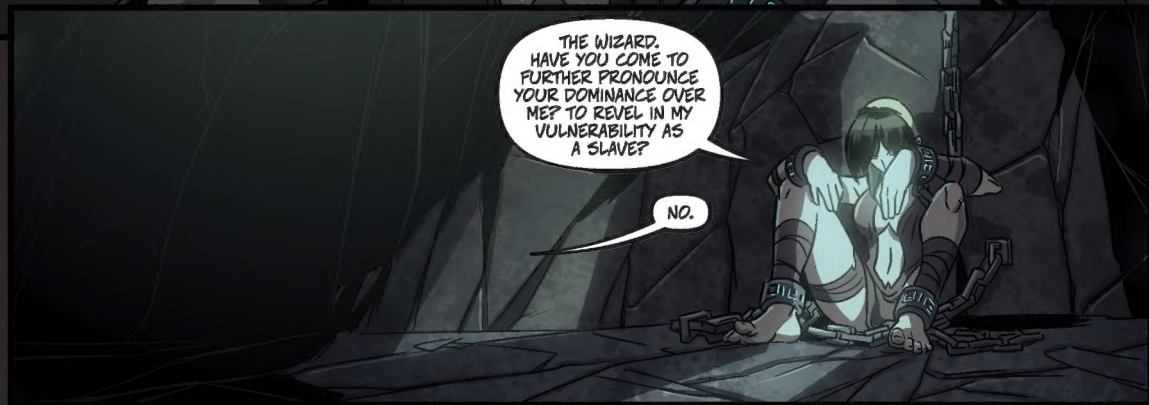
THEN
SHUT THEM
OFF.

YOU KNOW
IT DOESN'T WORK
THAT WAY.

WELL, EITHER
WAY, BE ON YOUR
GUARD.



ORLANA.



THE WIZARD.
HAVE YOU COME TO
FURTHER PRONOUNCE
YOUR DOMINANCE OVER
ME? TO REVEL IN MY
VULNERABILITY AS
A SLAVE?

NO.



I COME TO
ENSURE YOUR CONTINUED
VULNERABILITY.



DO YOUR EYES
DECEIVE YOU, OR WOULD
YOU PREFER TO CARVE OUT
MY BRAIN TO PROVE MY
WEAKNESS TO YOU?

NO MORE BLOOD
SHALL BE SPILLED IN THE
NAME OF YOUR LEGACY-- EVEN
YOUR OWN. THIS MUCH
IS CERTAIN...



...OR I WILL
RETURN AND
END YOU ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.



COME,
DERO. SHE IS
FINISHED.





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